

Minutes of Friends meeting 17th June 2016, 9am at Spellows Café, Rabbit Hill

Present: Georgina Bean (GB), Philippa Cook (PC), Tanya Cunningham (TC), Lisa Dickinson (LD), Sarah Harrison (SH), Vicky Hazeldene (VH), Helen McNeill (Treasurer, HMcN), Jo King (JK), Georgina O'Conner (GO), Catriona Penty (Secretary, CP), Vanessa Quarmby (VQ), Helen Tesseyman (HT)
The meeting began by PC thanking everyone for attending.

Recent Events and Fund Raisers:

- Movie Night made £50.50. This was good fun for the children and the event at the pub afterwards was fun. We plan to make this a regular event next year, with it being once a term after the Friends meetings.
- The Royal Tea party went extremely well. Thank you to everyone who contributed food and time. This raised only £16.94 (the P.E. teacher was paid £30) but was seen as fun for the children rather than a fundraiser.
- Bag to School raised £50 last time and £91.20 this time, which was an excellent result. The next one will be in November.
- Easy Fund Raising made £18.96.
- Ice Cream Fridays have started again since the new entrance has opened. We may continue this after the summer, depending on the weather and introduce one-off alternative (e.g. toffee apples at Halloween as before).

Upcoming events:

- 17th June Sports Day refreshments. The Friends are serving tea, coffee, drinks, crisps and biscuits for parents and non-participating children. Most items are 50p to £1 and there will be an honesty box. Free cups of juice and biscuits for the children who are participating.
- 26th June Open Gardens. Plans seem to be going well except that TC needs more helpers on Friday 24th to prepare. LD and VH will help out. There are also 2 slots left on the tombola for which help is needed. Please contact TC.
- 9th July Bike Ride, Barbeque and Auction. Tickets will be on sale from Monday. £5 per person, £20 per family. Everything will start at 4pm after the bike ride. PC is appealing for help on the day and for donations of salads and tray bakes. Ice cream will be served also. LD is buying Pimms and asking Morrisons for soft drinks and ice creams. HT is providing sausages and hot dog rolls at cost. We discussed the auction prizes for a while and need to gather some more. Several people at the meeting are going to contact other possible sources of prizes.
- October 8th has been suggested as the date of the Parents School Disco, which Heidi Beattie is organising.

Other items:

- When new families join in September, the Friends should host a coffee morning after drop off (TBD)
- From November a new Chairperson should take over. PC would like to have a joint Chairperson from September, and then would step aside after November. Any volunteers please?
- "Organized Mums diaries": HMcN will continue running this but would be happy for someone else to take this over. They run from August (prior to the start of an academic year) to December of the following year. There are a number of repeat order mums each year. To get commission from the company we need to order a minimum of £100 per year. HMcN will order a sample pack in time for the summer barbeque.
- Other ideas that were discussed were a Pampered Chef evening, a Positive Parenting event and a Ladies Night pot painting event.

Agenda topics to include in September meeting:

- Opening of the new entrance. Jo Munns / MLT
- Cooking trolleys, microwave (Mrs Stocks will inform CP when done)

Date of next meeting: Friday 16th September